

WORLD OF RADIO #1225, produced March 24, 2004 by Glenn Hauser

*Standard disclaimer

*The Week of Confusion from last Sunday in March to first Sunday in April when most SW broadcasters have made their A-04 seasonal changes involving time and/or frequency changes, altho most US stations do not do it until one week later due to the one-week gap before we start DST

*World of Radio will be one hour earlier by UT from outlets outside North America, and then from April 4 also from North America

*World Radio Network already posted schedules with summer timings, so WOR one UT hour earlier, either this week or next: to North America, Sunday 1000 UT; rest of world, Saturday 0800 UT

*New Continent of Media 04-02 available soon at <http://www.DXing.com>
--- and <http://worldofradio.com>

*Details of English cuts at VOA from March 28, and more to come in October when it will be reduced to 14 hours per day; News Now name may have to be changed

*A number of DX programs cover the Winter SWL Fest, such as Voice of the NASB on WRMI 7385, 0330 UT Sundays, same time as one World of Radio broadcast, 0230 from April 10; upcoming guests Allen Graham, Alan Heil, Dan Robinson; Adrian Peterson, Allan Weiner, Larry Magne, Gary McAvin of WMLK, Frans Vossen. Check <http://wrmi.net> for possible uploading of mp3 audio files

*R. Mexico Internacional closedown not confirmed yet, as even when it is on, reception on 9705 is quite poor. Radio Enlace on Radio Nederland will deal with this April 2-4

*XERTA, 4810, Mexico DF, says its schedule is weekends only, from 2300 UT Fri straight through until 1300 UT Mon

*Just below 2980, HJAG, R. Garzon, Colombian harmonic of 1490 heard in Vermont, despite local 1490 harmonic 5 miles away, at 1005-1039

*Bjorn Malm's audio clips include La Poderosa, Huancabamba, Peru, on 6536.11; and R. Bambamarca, 4420.33 announced as 4418 (recordings)

*Community radio station on 4900, announced as 5010, until 2208 sign-off, R. Comunidade das Gerais, Brazil, apparently unlicensed

*New A-04 schedules show Santiago, Chile as transmitter site for stations other than Voz Cristiana, now availabilizing their site for relays: BBC 1900-2030 on 17605 in Portuguese; ``China Radio'', 1200-1500 on 17625, 2200-2300 on 11720; same via Okeechobee, so does this mean Radio Taiwan International? Or could be China Radio International. It's also shown via KWHR, Hawaii, 11565, 0900-1000 & 1100-1300

*Argentine feeder heard again, 20276-LSB at 1940

*Schedules from more than one source often make for contradictions: Calling the Falklands from BBC, 2130-2145 Tue and Fri only on 11680, or 11720? See DXLD 4-052 for complete BBC schedules

*BBC relays for Americas in our evenings will include: 0000-0300 on 9825 Ascension, 11835 Okeechobee, 12095 England; 0300-0500 11835

switches to Delano

*Bonaire is site for morning English to North America on 11675, at 1100-1200 from April 4; previous week 11675 at 1200-1300 [actually 1100-1300 for that week]

*Spain in English at 0000-0100 moves from 6055 to 15385, not so good at first, but usually improves in May

*Swiss Radio firing 26 employees of SwissInfo = Swiss Radio International, due to 15 megafranc subsidy loss

*Albania's English schedule last week: add that it's daily except Sundays into UT Mondays

*Radio Bulgaria's A-04 English: 0630-07 11.6, 13.6 MHz; 1130-12 on 11.7 15.7; 1730-18 9.5 11.5; 21-22 5.8 7.5; NAm 23 & 02 9.7 11.7

*R. Varna, Bulgaria, weekly for mariners, from 2100 Sun to 0300 Mon on 7.4

*The media magazine you monitor with your mind, World of Radio 1225; woradio at yahoo.com or P O Box 1684, Enid, OK 73702 USA Check our website <http://www.worldofradio.com>

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*R. Romania International, A-04 English: 0700-0726 11830 15150; 1300-1356 11830 15105; 1800-1856 11940 15380; 2130-2156 7285 9725 15285 17735; partly for NAm: 2300-2356 7280 9590 9645 11940; 0100-0156 9690 11940 15430 17760; 0400-0456 11820 15140 15235 17860

*Israel Radio: terrible financial problems may mean dismissal of many staff, strike threatened; may have to vacate IBA house. Plan to merge radio networks may affect English and other foreign languages on SW; summer time starts April 7, when all SW broadcasts shift one UT hour earlier; from March 28, original UT English will be, and (alternate) frequency shifts May 1. 0500-0515 11590 9435 17600, alt 15640; 1110-1120 15640 17535; 1800-1815 15640 17535 11605; 2000-2025 15615 17535 11605, alt 15640

*R. Pedar (Father Radio), Iranian clandestine from Los Angeles, 9740 M-F at 1830-1930, will switch to 1730-1830 on 17660 or 17735; is actually simulcast of TV Channel One, where 'father' lectures, with lots of commercials

*Welcome back to Supratik Sanatani, Kolkata, resuming DXing after 10 years; Sedaye Kashmir, 9890, 0530-0630 is 'soft' clandestine in Urdu, Kashmiri from 0610, clearly an AIR operation; confirmed as Delhi by Jose Jacob, 100 kW on 9890, other times on 6100

*Bangladx yahoogroup posting says special programming on independence day March 26 in Bangla and in English, the latter at 1230-1300, 1815-1900 on 9550, 7185, 15520; not clear which frequencies at which times; and all regionals nonstop that day 0030-1710

*National Radio of Laos, English at 1330-1400 on 7145, well heard in Arizona

*Special program from New Zealand on early history of SW service is available on website for only one week, Shortwaves and Long Memories, under Mailbox at <http://www.rnzi.com>

*Evening transmission of Radio Peace, Sudan, 4750, at 1600-1747; over

here try to catch it from sign-on 0230

*R. Shabele, 6961, Somalia, not heard March 10-14; what happened?

*R. V. of Eritrean People, from March 28 at 1730-1830 on new 17660; also new website from ELF Revolutionary Council, <http://adal61.com>

*R. Cairo, Egypt's new 11855 for English at 0200-0330 to NAm will clash with WYFR on 11855 to Central America; unconfirmed report that this and some other English broadcasts from Cairo will be canceled

*Allan Weiner of WBCQ, was one of many filing for AM changes in January; to move WREM from 710 to 780, 5 kW day, 60 watts night

*Clear Channel applied to move WWVA 1170 from Wheeling WV to Stow, OH as a Cleveland market station, 50 kW day, 27 kW night; competing applications so not clear if this will be approved

*Radio Free Brattleboro, unlicensed 10-watt community FM station in Vermont wins in court temporarily against FCC closing them down; claims authorization to broadcast comes from citizens of the town. Could be landmark case; read more in DXLD 4-052, 4-051 among others

*In Kent, Washington, neighborhood station on 1700 AM, part 15 compliant, antenna less than 3 meters, power less than 100 milliwatts so no problems with FCC. Range half mile, East Hill Radio

*Bob Edwards, host of NPR Morning Edition forever, forced out of his job six months before his 25th anniversary

*Bill Westenhaver and Sheldon Harvey giving up the International Radio Report on CKUT Montreal, but show will continue with Janice and Steve

*New developments every week in powerline communications, which has the potential to ruin our reception on MW and SW. Urge you to read the reports about it at the end of most DX Listening Digests, most recently 4-050, 4-053, 4-054

*Propagation outlook from Boulder March 23: flux range 120-95-120

*And that's World of Radio 1225; I'm Glenn Hauser ####